

1 1. A transferable binding apparatus comprising:

2 a ship mechanism;

3 a binding mechanism affixed to said ship mechanism;

4 a dock mechanism adapted to attach to a ski and adapted to receive said ship

5 mechanism; and

6 an attaching mechanism adapted to attach said dock mechanism to said ship

7 mechanism.

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9 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said attaching mechanism is selected from the

10 group consisting of: screws and wing-nuts.

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12 3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said attaching mechanism comprises a

13 releasable spring-loaded assembly.

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15 4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said dock mechanism is permanently attached

16 to the ski at the time of manufacture.

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18 5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said dock mechanism is obtained separately

19 from the ski and attached at the direction of the user.

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21 6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ship mechanism is configured to be rotated

22 with respect to said dock mechanism and said attaching mechanism is engaged by

23 the process of rotation.

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25 7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said dock mechanism is adapted in a pocket

26 configuration with at least one open side to receive said ship mechanism and said

27 ship mechanism is adapted to be inserted into said at least one open side of the

28 pocket configuration.

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30 8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said dock mechanism is adapted to be altered in

31 size by the user to receive ship mechanisms of varying sizes.

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2 9. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ship mechanism is adapted to be altered in
3 size by the user to be inserted into dock mechanisms of varying sizes.

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5 10. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a binding mechanism attached to said
6 ship mechanism.

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8 11. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said binding mechanism is permanently
9 attached to said ship mechanism at the time of manufacture.

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11 12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said binding mechanism is attached to said
12 ship mechanism at the direction of the user.

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14 13. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a locking mechanism adapted to lock
15 together said dock mechanism, said ship mechanism, and said ski.

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17 14. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said locking mechanism is of a type selected
18 from the group consisting of: key, combination, and electronic.

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20 15. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said dock mechanism and said ship mechanism
21 further comprise attachment enhancing surfaces on the areas that come into
22 contact upon attachment of the ship mechanism to the dock mechanism.

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24 16. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said attachment enhancing surfaces are
25 selected from the group consisting of: frictionally-rough surfaces, adhesive
26 surfaces, and interlocking teeth.

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28 17. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising additional surfaces installed between
29 the dock and the ski to alter parameters and orientation of a skier's boot with
30 respect to the ski.

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1 18. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ship mechanism is configured to attach to
2 another ship mechanism to form a carrying handle.

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4 19. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said binding mechanism is selected from the
5 group consisting of: an alpine ski binding mechanism, a telemark ski binding
6 mechanism, and a cross-country ski binding mechanism.

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8 20. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ship mechanism and said dock mechanism
9 are in a lock fit configuration, and said lock fit configuration further allows said
10 ship mechanism to lock fit with another ship mechanism.

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12 21. A method for transferring a binding comprising the steps of:
13 affixing a binding mechanism to a ship mechanism;
14 affixing a dock mechanism to a ski; and
15 attaching said ship mechanism to said dock mechanism.

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17 22. The method of claim 21 further comprising the step of:
18 locking together said ship mechanism, said dock mechanism, and said ski.

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20 23. A method for transferring a binding comprising the steps of:
21 affixing a first binding mechanism to a first ship mechanism;
22 affixing a second binding mechanism to a second ship mechanism;
23 affixing a dock mechanism to a ski;
24 attaching said first ship mechanism with said first binding mechanism to
25 said dock mechanism;
26 removing said first ship mechanism with said first binding mechanism
27 from said dock mechanism;
28 attaching said second ship mechanism with said second binding
29 mechanism to said dock mechanism.

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1 24. The method of claim 23:

2 wherein said first binding mechanism is selected from the group consisting
3 of: an alpine ski binding mechanism, a telemark ski binding mechanism, and a
4 cross-country ski binding mechanism; and

5 wherein said second binding mechanism is selected from the group
6 consisting of: an alpine ski binding mechanism, a telemark ski binding
7 mechanism, and a cross-country ski binding mechanism.